

## **2. Program Management**

### **2.1. Overview**

This chapter describes the organization of MDOT's storm water pollution prevention program and any changes that have occurred during the reporting period. Complete information on MDOT's storm water pollution prevention program is included in the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The organization of this chapter is as follows:

- Section 2.2. contains the contact information MDOT Regional Storm Water Coordinators and division contacts.
- Section 2.3. discusses coordination with municipal storm water permittees during this reporting period.
- Section 2.4. describes the coordination with the public.
- Section 2.5. explains changes in legal issues that MDOT has implemented or has worked on over the past year.

### **2.2. Storm Water Management Responsibilities Within MDOT**

The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) team that consists of members from different MDOT/TSCs regions and organization groups within the department, as well as consultants, is responsible for addressing storm water management issues affecting MDOT. This team meets once a month for progress meetings concerning all aspects of the storm water program including, but not limited to, the Illicit Discharge Elimination Program (IDEP), the Public Education Program (PEP), pollution prevention/good housekeeping initiatives, the development of a new Drainage Manual for MDOT, and additional requirements.

The following contacts are MDOT members of the MS4 team who ensure that the SWMP is implemented.

• Bob Batt	(University Region)	(517) 780-7528
• Gary Croskey	(Design)	(517) 335-2171
• Mark Dionise	(Permitting)	(517) 373-7682
• Sharon Ferman	Metro Region)	(248) 483-5136
• Dave Gauthier	(Construction)	(517) 332-5710
• Darwyn Heme	(Maintenance)	(517) 322-3312
• Jason Latham	(Southwest Region)	(517) 335-2619
• Will Mathies	(Southwest Region)	(616) 337-3938
• Todd Neiss	(Grand Region)	(616) 451-3091
• Gary Niemi	(North Region)	(989) 941-1986
• Mike O'Malley	(Environmental)	(517) 335-2634
• Peter Ollila	(Planning)	(517) 373-1908
• Rich Ostrowski	(Metro Region)	(248) 483-5162
• Cary Rouse	(Bay Region)	(989) 754-0878
• Scott Wheeler	(Maintenance)	(517) 322-3314

More information about the organization and responsibilities for storm water management within MDOT can also be found in Chapter 2 of the Storm Water Management Plan.

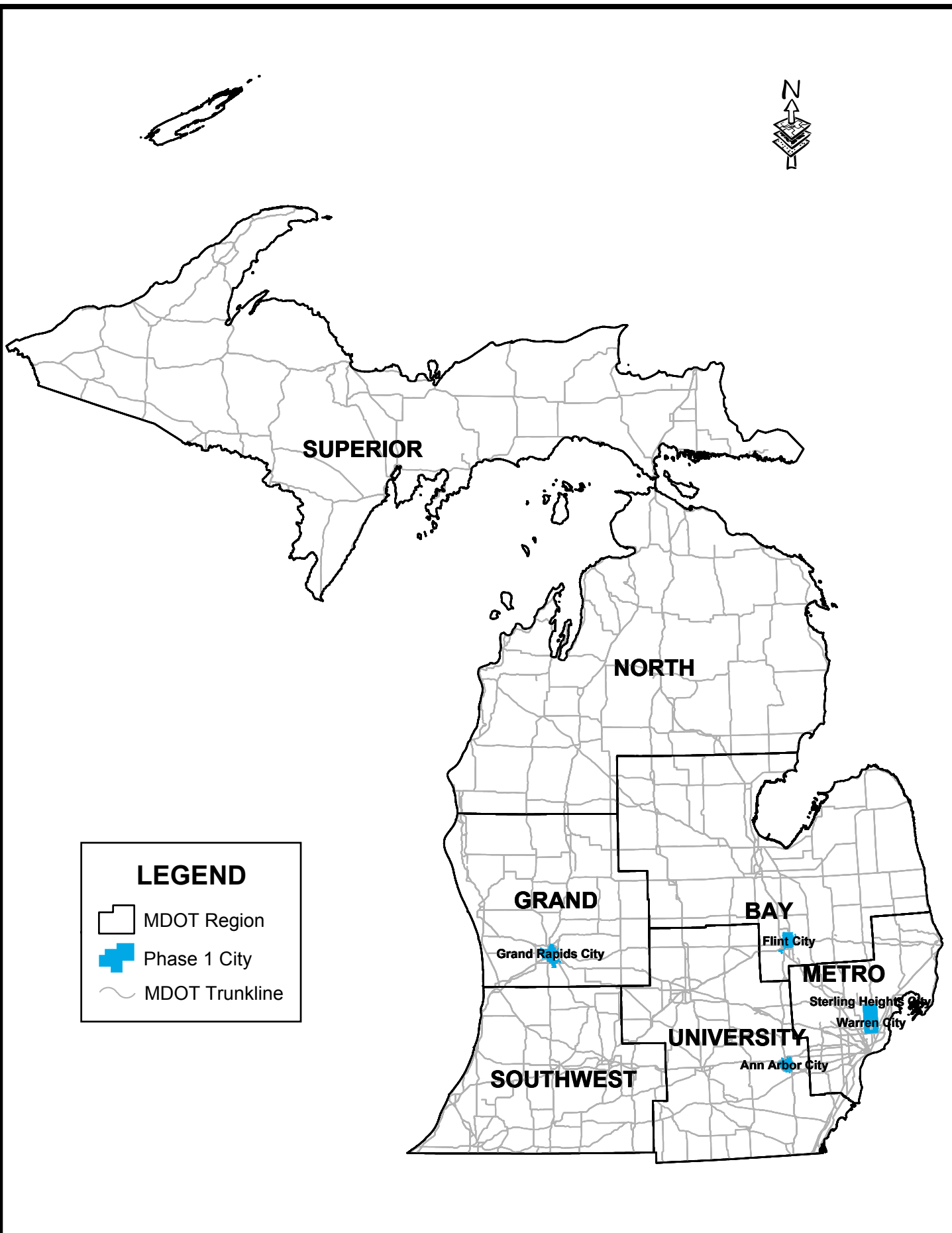
### **2.3. Coordination with Municipal Storm Water Permittees**

Coordination with Municipal Storm Water Permittees was completed previous to this reporting period through utilization of a municipal status evaluation. During this reporting period, a member of the Michigan Municipal League was contacted to discuss comments and questions about the NPDES permits.

As stated in Chapter 2 of the SWMP, coordination with municipal storm water permittees in the five Phase I Regions seen in Figure 2-1 is coordinated through the appropriate Region Offices.

Coordination with municipalities on storm water management responsibilities is the responsibility of the Region Engineers. In many cases, discharges from MDOT's MS4s flow to MS4s owned or operated by municipalities (e.g. cities or counties) and vice versa. The municipalities and MDOT are ultimately responsible for the quality of the discharges from their MS4s. To comply with the individual Permits, MDOT will ensure pollutants are reduced or controlled in discharges from MDOT MS4s into municipal systems. Permitted municipalities will do the same for discharges from their facilities into MDOT storm drain systems.

MDOT coordinates storm water management activities with municipalities, the MDEQ, and other entities as necessary or appropriate. Coordination is implemented through formal and informal discussions, meetings, agreements, and procedures.





## **2.4. Coordination with the Public**

The Local Storm Water Education Advisory Committee (LSEAC) was previously established and was utilized during the municipal status evaluation and during the development of public education materials in order to get input from the public communities where storm water management is being implemented.

Coordination with the public also occurred through utilization of a public Website, which went online during this reporting period. Records are being kept of the number of people who have visited the site. More information about the Website and other public education ventures are discussed in Chapter 3 of this report and Section 4.2. of the SWMP.

## **2.5. Analysis of Legal Authority**

A discussion of the basis of MDOT's legal authority is presented in Section 2.5. of the SWMP. During this reporting period, there have been some discussions of legal issues that pertain to storm water management issues and MDOT.

During this reporting period, the current Tap-In process to existing MDOT storm sewers was reviewed. It was determined that there were problems with the current Tap-In process permit including:

- Permanent Public Drainage Easement
- Water Quality Treatment Review/Requirements
- Change in Ownership and Notification of Changes
- Ongoing Operation and Maintenance
- Field Problems – When it doesn't work, who is responsible?

These problems were discussed and it was determined that legal methods and options for notification of changes need to be examined. It was also decided that Sections 14.01 and 14.02 of the Construction Permit Manual need to be revised, and that changes need to be made in data entry and reporting. After these changes are made, a new description of the process will be written. There is an ongoing process by MDOT to carryout these actions items.

Also during this reporting period, MDOT developed draft language for the *Construction Permit Manual* that would guide users on how to deal with illicit connections. This draft language clarified the contact and involvement of different officials involved with the illicit connections process. These clarifications are as follows:

- The Region Transportation Service Center Manager (TSC) will sign and send out the initial violation letter
- Lansing's Central Office Utilities and Permits Section will be responsible for the revocation of existing permits when an illicit connection is found
- Lansing's Central Office Utilities and Permits Section or MDEQ will seek a court order should it be necessary to enter a premise to conduct an investigation
- The Attorney General will be involved with the escalated enforcement

Additionally, MDOT is reviewing House Bill 6131, a proposed amendment to P.A. 40 of 1956, of the Drain Code. This bill will give the authority to Drain Commissioners in Michigan to do Phase II planning activities.